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Re: New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks, Docket No. 99-00714 -- Response
to TDS Companies' Petition To Intervene

Dear Mr. Waddell:

New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks ("New Edge"), by undersigned counsel, hereby submits an original and thirteen (13) copies of its response to Petition to Intervene of Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Humphreys County Telephone Company, Tellico Telephone Company, Inc., and Tennessee Telephone Company (the "TDS Companies").

New Edge does not object to the TDS Companies participation in this proceeding, but provides this response in order to clarify its application. New Edge is seeking certification throughout the State of Tennessee, to the extent permitted by Tennessee and federal law, in order to enable it to respond quickly to changing competitive conditions rather than having to seek additional certification to expand its authority as new portions of Tennessee open to competition. As noted in New Edge's November 11, 1999 response to Staff's Clarification Requests, New Edge tentatively plans initially to offer its services in small and medium-sized markets throughout Tennessee, such as Knoxville, Chattanooga, Lebanon, Cleveland, Jackson, Tullahoma, Clarksville, Morristown, and Oak Ridge. New Edge does not seek to challenge or terminate any small or rural LEC exemption claimed by any incumbent in Tennessee, nor does New Edge seek, at this time, to provide service in the territories of any of the TDS Companies.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed extra copy of this filing in the enclosed self-addressed, postage-prepaid envelope provided. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Donahue at (202) 424-7683.

Respectfully submitted,

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